

FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICE
PARAGUAY BUREAU
ASUNCION, PARAGUAY

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS

THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Paraguay Bureau--October 1985

I. GENERAL

STAT The bureau's plans to install an Associate ROSET took a major stride
STAT forward this month with the visit of Regional Engineer [redacted] and
STAT two contractors [redacted]. The contractors inspected the two
sites the bureau is proposing for installation and agreed that the
line-of-sight angles the bureau needs to monitor Brasilsat and any other
satellites we may want to monitor in the future are good. They received
bids from three private contractors that include everything from
trenching, to installing pull boxes, to erecting the ROSET. [redacted]
plans to have a contractor return to Asuncion in November or December,
depending on which of the two sites the Embassy approves. The bureau
expects a decision from the new Ambassador, Clyde Taylor, soon after his
arrival on 5 November.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. Events in Argentina this month proved to be the center of the
bureau's attention. Following a wave of bombings and telephone bomb
threats against government, military, and private installations, the
government on the 22d ordered the arrest of six retired military men and
six civilians for allegedly conducting a destabilizing campaign. On the
25th, after the courts had ruled that the arrests were unconstitutional
except under a state of siege, the government declared a state of siege,
but without restrictions on civil liberties. On the night of the 28th,
President Alfonsin held a private meeting with his defense minister, the
defense secretary, and the chiefs of staff; and the interior minister,
too, held a meeting at the ministry on the situation. The bureau remained
open throughout that night at the Wire's request with open-speaker watches
on Buenos Aires Domestic Service and other principal Buenos Aires
transmitters. Alfonsin addressed the nation on the 30th, denouncing the
wave of terrorism in Argentina and praising the progress his
administration has achieved in its 2 years in office. The bureau covered
it by filing a pre-release from Buenos Aires TELAM and filing a comparison
FYI when the speech was broadcast 2 hours later. As the month closed, the
Alfonsin government seemed to have the situation under control for the
congressional and municipal elections held on 3 November.

2. The Chilean situation continued to exacerbate during October with increasing bomb and other attacks claimed by the Manuel Rodriguez Patriotic Front. At midmonth, the opposition staged a largely unsuccessful "Day of Solidarity" with six imprisoned union and political leaders. Despite comments by Pinochet and another junta member apparently favorable to the National Accord for a Transition to Full Democracy, there has been no movement toward a compromise allowing a political settlement. The major sticking points are that the government insists that the opposition talk with Pinochet, which they oppose, and the government maintains its constitutional right to stay in power until the end of its term in 1989.

3. In an attempt to bolster its image abroad before the 20 October municipal elections, the Paraguayan Government lifted the restrictions on three of the four banished opposition leaders. The municipal elections resulted again in an overwhelming victory for President Stroessner's Colorado Party and charges by the opposition that they were conducted unfairly. Consequently, one of the opposition parties that has participated in the government announced its decision to study whether or not it would continue to take part in the legislature. At the end of the month, the Paraguayan Government suspended broadcasts by Asuncion Radio Cardinal for unannounced reasons. The radio resumed operations on 1 November.

B. Communications

During the month the bureau experienced 31 hours and 20 minutes of outages, which is quite unusual for Paraguay where we have always had near-perfect communications. On the 3d an outage lasted 14 hours; on the 6th, 7 hours; on the 16th, 8 hours and 50 minutes; and minor outages totaling 1 hour and 30 minutes on various other days of the month. The outages were largely a result of problems in TCU [redacted]

C. Cruising

The cruiser is completing the biannual survey of Moscow International Service broadcasts to Central and South America as well as other Moscow beams heard at the bureau. In response to requests from MOD, he cruised Radio Mexico International Service and reported his findings and compiled a week's worth of television programming from the countries in our coverage area. He also surveyed Argentine, Peruvian, and Uruguayan stations in support of bureau coverage responsibilities.

D. Technical

1. The technical staff laid the groundwork for the visit by the regional engineer and the S.T. Research contractors by contacting local contracting firms and gathering information. During the visit, the technicians assisted in arranging meetings and during the interviews Chief Technician [redacted] acted as interpreter.

2. Since the bureau modified its communications system to low-level operation, we have not had a back-up tape reader for the 1403. The Extel 315 ASR normally used for back-up purposes has not been modified to low-level operation because the Extel Company has sent us the wrong board. The regional engineer has promised to look into this problem. Meanwhile, the bureau is using its commercial Telex as the back-up.

3. Installation of a complete radio monitoring position in the chief monitor's booth has begun. It should be completed in early November.

4. The new bureau-designed furniture has been installed in the computer room. It is comprised of a flattened-out U-shaped desk that accommodates two computer set-ups and a cabinet for supplies.

III. VISITS

1. TDY Editor [redacted] arrived on the 10th to fill in while Editor [redacted] is on maternity leave.

2. [redacted] returned from a Stateside Medavac on the 16th.

3. On the 16th, the Bureau Chief briefed a group of Embassy newcomers on bureau operations as part of the Embassy orientation program.

4. Regional Engineer [redacted] and two [redacted] contractors arrived at the bureau on TDY on the 17th. Arv returned to Washington early on the 21st because of a family emergency. The two contractors departed on the 24th as scheduled.

IV. COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Editor [redacted] blessed with a healthy baby girl, [redacted] Mother and child are doing well.

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Chief, FBIS Paraguay Bureau

CC: C/Panama Bureau
C/Key West Bureau
Attachments: Production Report

Paraguay Bureau Production Report for October 1985

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	295850
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	97690
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	1314

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:	7585.00	59990.00	155.00
(minutes or issues per week)	min.	min.	issues

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:
(publishable words per month)

ARGENTINA

Buenos Aires Argentina Televisora Color Network in			
Spanish	200		
Buenos Aires Domestic Service in			
Spanish	5970		
Buenos Aires Radio Nacional in			
Spanish	110		
Buenos Aires DYN in			
Spanish		8840	
Buenos Aires NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS in			
Spanish		25690	
Buenos Aires REUTER in			
Spanish		0	
Buenos Aires TELAM in			
Spanish		23150	
Buenos Aires AMBITO FINANCIERO in			
Spanish			480
Buenos Aires BUENOS AIRES HERALD in			
English			8140
Buenos Aires CLARIN in			
Spanish			2330
Buenos Aires GENTE in			
Spanish			0
Buenos Aires LA NACION in			
Spanish			1240
Buenos Aires LA PRENSA in			
Spanish			4530

BOLIVIA

La Paz Cadena Panamericana in	
Spanish	10470
La Paz Radio Illimani in	
Spanish	1970

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
La Paz El Diario in Spanish			150
La Paz PRESENCIA in Spanish			460
BRASIL			
Brasilia Domestic Service in Portuguese	2660		
Porto Alegre Radio Guaiba in Portuguese	0		
Sao Paulo Radio Bandeirantes Network in Portuguese	2960		
Sao Paulo Radio Bandeirantes in Portuguese	250		
Rio de Janeiro JORNAL DO BRASIL in Portuguese			4400
Rio de Janeiro LATIN AMERICA DAILY POST in English			830
Rio de Janeiro MANCHETE in Portuguese			0
Rio de Janeiro O GLOBO in Portuguese			6100
Sao Paulo FOLHA DE SAO PAULO in Portuguese			3870
Sao Paulo O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO in Portuguese			6110
Sao Paulo VEJA in Portuguese			1190
CHILE			
Santiago Domestic Service in Spanish	15690		
Santiago Radio Agricultura in Spanish	200		
Santiago Radio Chilena in Spanish	14850		
Santiago Radio Cooperativa in Spanish	0		
Santiago Radio Minería in Spanish	0		
Santiago ANALISIS in Spanish			1360
Santiago COSAS in Spanish			1370
Santiago EL MERCURIO in Spanish			4920
Santiago HOY in Spanish			0

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Santiago LA TERCERA DE LA HORA in Spanish			1340
CHINA Beijing Beijing in Spanish	0		
FRANCE Paris AFP in Spanish		40300	
PARAGUAY Asuncion Cerro Cora Sistema Nacional de Television in Spanish	0		
Asuncion Domestic Service in Spanish	4670		
Asuncion Radio Primero de Marzo in Spanish	90		
Asuncion Red Privada de Teledifusora Paraguaya Television in Spanish	450		
Asuncion EL DIARIO in Spanish			3420
Asuncion EL PUEBLO in Spanish			2560
Asuncion HOY in Spanish			3330
Asuncion PATRIA in Spanish			1490
Asuncion SENDERO in Spanish			0
Asuncion ULTIMA HORA in Spanish			1750
PERU Lima Cadena America Television in Spanish	640		
Lima Cadena Panamericana de Television in Spanish	6320		
Lima Domestic Service in Spanish	4190		
Lima OAY-4Z Televisora in Spanish	0		
Lima Radio del Pacifico in Spanish	500		

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Lima Radioprogramas del Peru in Spanish	1120		
Lima Television Service Spanish	4020		
Lima Televisora Lima in Spanish	310		
Lima EL COMERCIO in Spanish			0
Lima EXPRESO Spanish			410
Lima LA REPUBLICA in Spanish			3000
Lima MARKA in Spanish			1180
SPAIN			
Madrid EFE in Spanish		35550	
URUGUAY			
Montevideo Domestic Service in Spanish	0		
Montevideo Radio Carve in Spanish	2110		
Montevideo Radio El Espectador in Spanish	430		
Montevideo EL DIA in Spanish			2640
Montevideo LA HORA in Spanish			220
Montevideo OPINAR in Spanish			0
USSR			
Moscow Radio Magallanes in Spanish	1640		
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress in Spanish to Latin America	480		
Moscow in Portuguese to Brazil	0		
Moscow in Spanish to Latin America	0		
Moscow in Spanish to Chile	11200		
Moscow in Spanish to Cuba	0		